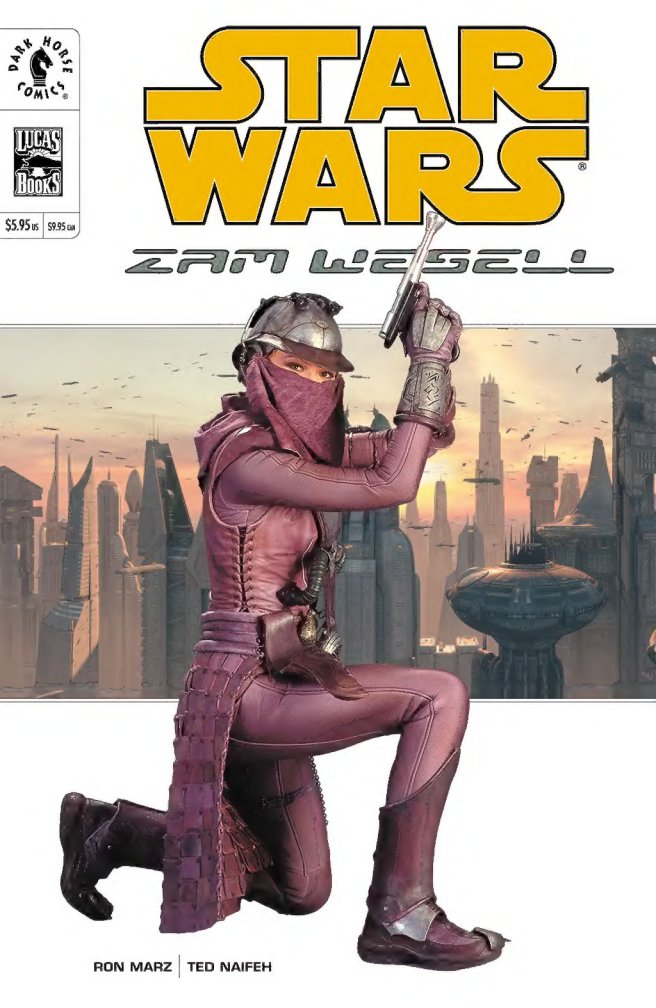
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"MY FELLOW MASTERS, THE REPUBLIC FACES A GRAVE THREAT..."

...AND IT FALLS TO THE JEDI COUNCIL TO AVERT IT.
OUR INFORMANTS HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL ASHAAR KHORDA, THE ANNOO-DAT RADICAL.
IF THE INFORMATION IS CORRECT, AND WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE IT IS, KHORDA HAS OBTAINED A MYSTERIOUS WEAPON WITH WHICH HE INTENDS TO STRIKE AGAINST THE REPUBLIC.
UNFORTUNATELY, OUR SOURCE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO PIN-POINT THE GENERAL'S EXACT TARGET.
THE BEST WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO IS NARROW THE LIST OF POSSIBLE TARGETS TO THREE:
ALDERAAN...
...CORELLIA...

...AND CORUSCANT.

HE LED A MILITARY COUP ON ANNOO, AND WOULD'VE SUCCEEDED IN OVERTHROWING THE GOVERNMENT IF THE REPUBLIC HADN'T INTERCEDED. AND THERE WERE ACCUSATIONS OF WAR CRIMES--

YES, BUT KHORDA ESCAPED BEFORE HE COULD BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL.
NOW HE FANCIES HIMSELF A FREEDOM FIGHTER AGAINST THE REPUBLIC'S TYRANNY.

AND HE'S APPARENTLY WILLING TO TAKE INNOCENT LIVES TO PROVE HIS POINT.
WHAT SORT OF WEAPON DOES HE POSSESS?

UNKNOWN TO US, EVEN THAT IS.

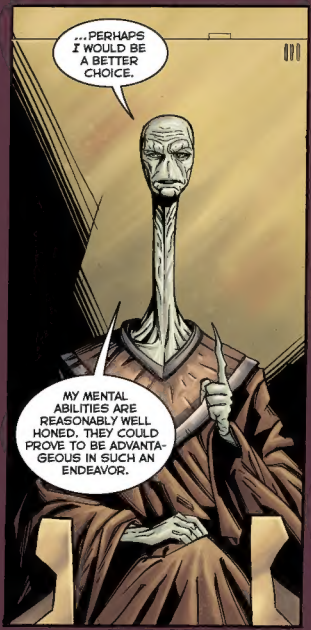
A DEVICE OF SUCH DESTRUCTIVE CAPABILITY MUST SURELY CREATE RIPPLES IN THE FORCE. RIPPLES THAT COULD BE SENSED.
TRULY YOU SPEAK, YARAEL POOF.
TRUSTED EVEN TO OUR JEDI KNIGHTS, THIS TASK CANNOT BE. ONE MEMBER TO EACH PLANET THE COUNCIL WILL SEND.
FIND THIS WEAPON WE MUST.

I WILL SAFEGUARD CORELLIA.

AND I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALDERAAN.

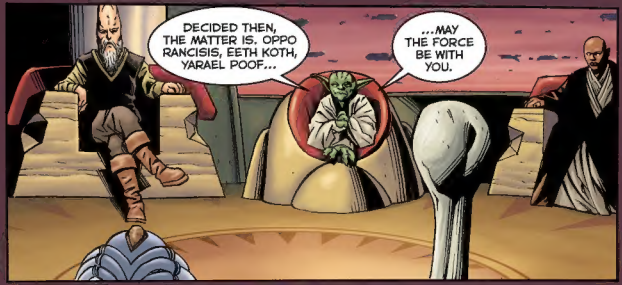
THANK YOU, EETH KOTH.
AND YOU, OPPO RANCISIS.

IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, I WILL SEE TO CORUSCANT'S PROTECTION MYSELF.
IF I MAY, MASTER WINDU...


...PERHAPS I WOULD BE A BETTER CHOICE.
MY MENTAL ABILITIES ARE REASONABLY WELL HONED. THEY COULD PROVE TO BE ADVANTAGEOUS IN SUCH AN ENDEAVOR.

NO OFFENSE INTENDED TO YOU, MASTER WINDU.

NO OFFENSE TAKEN, MASTER POOF.
I BOW TO YOUR GREATER WISDOM IN THIS AFFAIR.


DECIDED THEN, THE MATTER IS. OPPO RANCISIS, EETH KOTH, YARAEL POOF...
...MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU.

SPISH
SPASH
I'LL GET IT.
DAD...

...THERE'S A LADY HERE.
THIS MUST BE YOURS.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
BOBA FETT.
MY FATHER IS --
IT'S ALL RIGHT, BOBA...

...I WAS EXPECTING HER.
THOUGH I'M NOT SURE I'D CALL HER A LADY.
YOU ALWAYS KNOW THE RIGHT THING TO SAY...
...DON'T YOU, JANGO FETT?
BOBA, I'D LIKE YOU MEET ZAM WESELL.
PLEASED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.
LIKEWISE, BOBA.

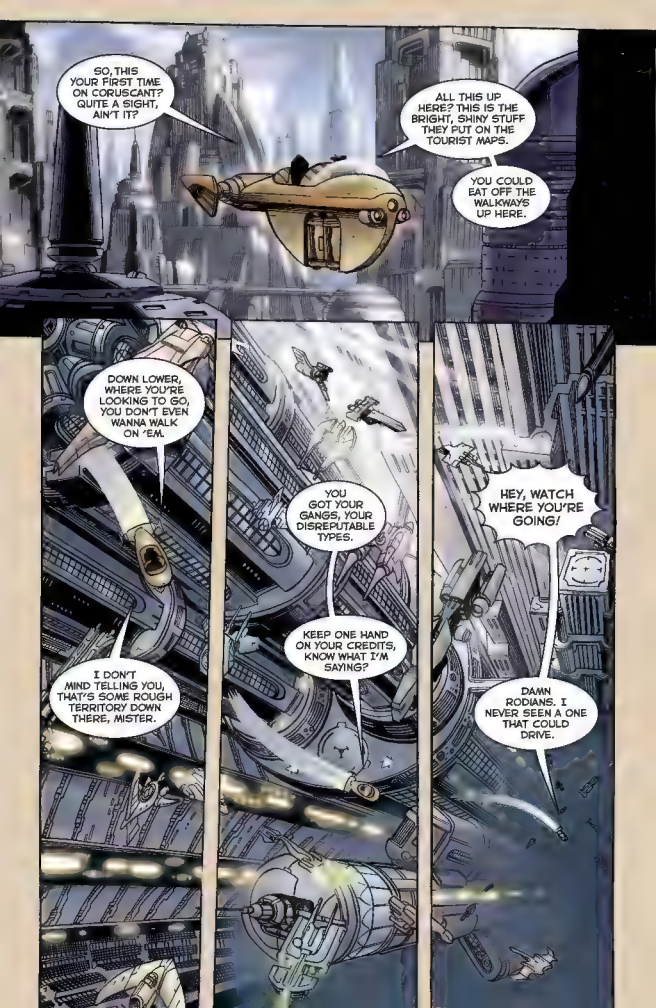
BOBA, WHY DON'T YOU GO INSIDE AND DRY OFF.
I'LL BE IN SOON.
OKAY, DAD.
IT WAS VERY NICE TO MEET YOU, ZAM WESELL.
WELL, HE'S CERTAINLY BETTER MANNERED THAN HIS FATHER.
HIS MOTHER'S INFLUENCE, I'M SURE.
HE DOESN'T HAVE A MOTHER.
Oh
I'M SORRY.
HE DOES LOOK JUST LIKE YOU.
SO YOU COULDN'T FIND A BETTER DAY TO PLAY BALL?
THIS IS A BETTER DAY ON KAMINO.
COME ON, WE SHOULD AT LEAST HAVE THE SENSE NOT TO STAND OUT IN IT.
SO?
ALWAYS RIGHT TO THE POINT. DO YOU REMEMBER THE LAST TIME WE SAW EACH OTHER?
I REMEMBER I SAVED YOUR LIFE. YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE TO THANK ME AGAIN?

YOU'RE NOT REACHING FOR SOMETHING WE'LL BOTH REGRET, ARE YOU?
I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE, JANGO...
...YOU PUT YOUR HANDS ON ME, YOU'D BETTER MEAN BUSINESS.
ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.
HMM.
I ASSUME THIS WILL BE FAMILIAR?
YOU WERE WORKING FOR GENERAL ASHAAR KHORDA.
THAT'S THE ARTIFACT I RETRIEVED. PAID WELL, BUT I NEVER MET MY EMPLOYER -- JUST THAT DAMN DUG GO-BETWEEN.
THE ANNOO-DAT?
FROM WHAT LITTLE I'VE HEARD ABOUT HIM HE DOESN'T STRIKE ME AS A CONNOISSEUR OF PRIMITIVE ART.

WHAT IF I TOLD YOU IT'S A WEAPON CAPABLE OF DESTROYING AN ENTIRE PLANET-- AND THAT KHORDA'S GOING TO USE IT?
SUPPOSING FOR THE MOMENT THIS IS TRUE...
IT'S TRUE.
THE NATIVES OF SEYLOTT, WHERE IT CAME FROM, WERE FORCE-SENSITIVE, RIGHT?
SO IS THE ARTIFACT. ONCE TRIGGERED, IT SUPPOSEDLY CAUSES A DISTURBANCE IN THE FORCE LARGE ENOUGH TO RIP APART A WORLD.
CORUSCANT, TO BE EXACT.
YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY NOT HERE JUST FOR SHOW AND TELL. WHAT'S THE REST?
WHO'S PAYING AND HOW MUCH?
NO ONE AND NOTHING. THIS ONE'S FOR FREE.
WHAT? YOU HAVE TO BE KIDDING. I DON'T DO CHARITY WORK.
WE'RE BOUNTY HUNTERS, ZAM. NOT HEROES.
IF THIS IS TRUE, WHY DON'T YOU TURN IT OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES?

BECAUSE YOU KNOW THERE'S NO ONE BETTER THAN ME. AND YOU'RE A CLOSE SECOND.
I THINK YOU'VE GOT THAT BACKWARDS.
I'M SURE YOU DO.
LOOK, JANGO, *YOU* PUT THE ARTIFACT IN KHORDA'S HANDS.
BUT IT COULD JUST AS EASILY HAVE BEEN *ME*.
I WON'T BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AN ENTIRE PLANET BEING WIPED OUT...
YOU KNOW HOW THIS WORKS, ZAM. IT'S A JOB. WE DON'T GET PERSONALLY INVOLVED.
AS FAR AS THAT GOES, THERE'S PLENTY OF BLOOD ON *BOTH* OUR HANDS.
NOT LIKE THIS.
EXECUTING A MARK, SOMEONE WHO PROBABLY DESERVES IT ANYWAY, IS A LOT DIFFERENT THAN LOOKING THE OTHER WAY WHILE A WORLD DIES.
BILLIONS OF PEOPLE, JANGO.
MY SON NEEDS ME.

HOW MANY SONS DO YOU THINK THERE ARE ON CORUSCANT?
DID YOU KNOW I WAS AN ORPHAN?
MY FAMILY HAD A FARM. THERE WAS A CIVIL WAR. WE GOT CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF IT.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED TO ME...
...IF SOMEONE HADN'T COME ALONG AND SAVED ME.
WE'LL TAKE MY SHIP.


SO, THIS YOUR FIRST TIME ON CORUSCANT? QUITE A SIGHT, AIN'T IT?
ALL THIS UP HERE? THIS IS THE BRIGHT, SHINY STUFF THEY PUT ON THE TOURIST MAPS.
YOU COULD EAT OFF THE WALKWAYS UP HERE.
DOWN LOWER, WHERE YOU'RE LOOKING TO GO, YOU DON'T EVEN WANNA WALK ON 'EM.
I DON'T MIND TELLING YOU, THAT'S SOME ROUGH TERRITORY DOWN THERE, MISTER.
YOU GOT YOUR GANGS, YOUR DISREPUTABLE TYPES.
KEEP ONE HAND ON YOUR CREDITS, KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING?
HEY, WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
DAMN RODIANS. I NEVER SEEN A ONE THAT COULD DRIVE.

HERE YOU GO MISTER. THIS IS THE ADDRESS YOU ASKED FOR...
...BUT I GOTTA BE HONEST, THIS IS NO PLACE TO BE.
YOU SURE YOU WANNA GET OUT HERE?
THIS WILL BE FINE.
SUIT YOURSELF.
THAT'S FIFTEEN CREDITS YOU OWE ME. NEED ANY HELP WITH THAT BOX YOU GOT?
NO.
THANK YOU.
FIFTEEN CREDITS. AND A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA FOR YOU.
GK

THANKS FOR THE RIDE.
BEEP
BEEP

AH, YOU'RE HERE.
ANY PROBLEMS, SIR?
NONE I DIDN'T TAKE CARE OF MYSELF, FERNOODA.
OF COURSE. THE OTHERS ARE GATHERED AND WAITING FOR YOU, GENERAL KHORDA.
EXCELLENT.

I'M PLEASED TO SEE ALL OF YOU.
YOU HONOR ME WITH YOUR PRESENCE.
THE HOUR OF OUR TRIUMPH IS CLOSE AT HAND.
YOU ARE MY CHOSEN FEW, THE BEST OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN OUR RIGHTEOUS CAUSE. I HAVE SELECTED YOU FOR YOUR SKILLS, YES...
...BUT ABOVE ALL, BECAUSE YOUR DEVOTION TO THIS GLORIOUS UNDERTAKING IS ABSOLUTE.
TOGETHER WE WILL FINALLY STRIKE A DEATHBLOW AGAINST THE CORRUPT, BLOATED CREATURE THAT IS THE SO-CALLED REPUBLIC.
I WITNESSED IT UPON MY HOMEWORLD. I WITNESSED THIS TYRANNICAL GOVERNMENT IMPOSE ITS UNJUST WILL UPON A SOVEREIGN PLANET.
BUT I KNOW ANNOO'S FATE IS NOT UNIQUE. ANNOO WAS SIMPLY ANOTHER SYMPTOM OF THE DISEASE WE FIGHT.
SO WE HAVE COME TOGETHER TO PURSUE A FINAL SOLUTION. IN ORDER TO SAVE THE BODY OF THE REPUBLIC...
...WE MUST DESTROY ITS INFECTED BRAIN.
EACH OF YOU HAS YOUR REASONS...

...YOUR GRIEVANCES AGAINST THESE OVERLORDS WE MUST TOPPLE.
PERHAPS YOU SERVED WITH ME UPON ANNOO...

...OR YOU HAVE BEEN BRANDED OUTLAWS AND WRONGLY PURSUED...

...OR YOU HAVE LONG WANTED TO PUNISH THE REPUBLIC BUT LACKED THE MEANS.
WHATEVER YOUR MOTIVATIONS...

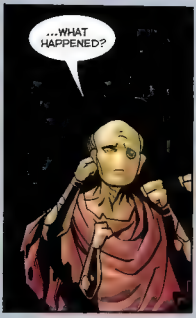
...YOU HOLD IN COMMON YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SACRIFICE YOURSELF FOR THE CAUSE.
WE WILL BE SWIFT.

WE WILL BE DEADLY.
WE WILL BE UNSTOPPABLE.
THIS SLIPPED FROM MY GRASP FOR A TIME. BUT ONCE AGAIN I HOLD THE INSTRUMENT OF OUR VENGEANCE...

...AND WITH IT WE WILL REDUCE CORUSCANT TO DUST!

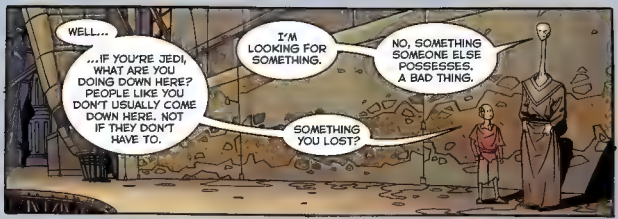
PLEASE...
...I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING!
NOBODY SAID YOU DID, BRAT!
GET HIM!
DEAD END.
PRETTY GOOD CHASE THIS TIME, BRAT, BUT YEAH...
...DEAD END.
...SOMEBODY PLEASE, HELP ME!
Uhh...

IT CAN HAVE THE BRAT!
RUN!

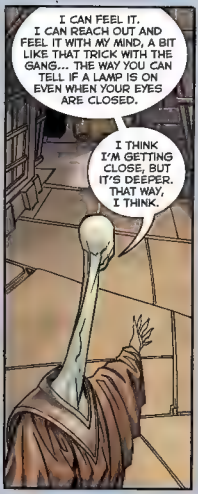

...WHAT HAPPENED?

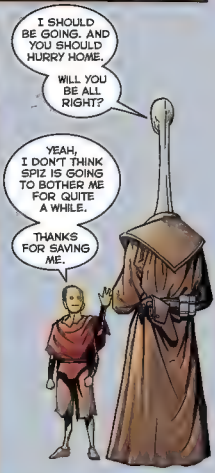
I BELIEVE THEY SAW SOMETHING THAT FRIGHTENED THEM...

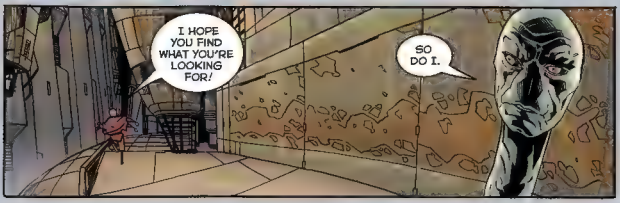
...AND A GOOD THING FOR YOU THEY DID, MY YOUNG FRIEND.
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
OH...
...I JUST HAPPENED TO BE HERE.
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING, I WAS JUST WALKING HOME. BUT SPIZ'S GANG IS ALWAYS CAUSING TROUBLE FOR ME.
IT WASN'T YOU THEY WERE SCARED OF, WAS IT?
NOT REALLY, NO.
VERY OFTEN THOSE WHO ARE FEARFUL LASH OUT AT OTHERS TO MAKE THEMSELVES FEEL SAFE.
I HELPED MAKE THEIR FEARS A LITTLE MORE VISIBLE TO THEM.
ARE YOU...
...ONE OF THEM?
A QUERMIAN?
INDEED.
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN.
I MEAN ARE YOU A JEDI?
I AM YARAEL POOF.
A MEMBER OF THE JEDI COUNCIL.


WELL...
...IF YOU'RE JEDI, WHAT ARE YOU DOING DOWN HERE? PEOPLE LIKE YOU DON'T USUALLY COME DOWN HERE. NOT IF THEY DON'T HAVE TO.
I'M LOOKING FOR SOMETHING.
NO, SOMETHING SOMEONE ELSE POSSESSES. A BAD THING.
SOMETHING YOU LOST?

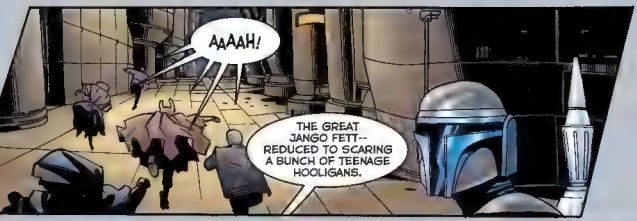
I DON'T WANT THEM TO USE IT TO HURT ANYONE, SO I HAVE TO FIND IT AND TAKE IT AWAY.
OH.
HOW WILL YOU FIND IT?


I CAN FEEL IT. I CAN REACH OUT AND FEEL IT WITH MY MIND, A BIT LIKE THAT TRICK WITH THE GANG... THE WAY YOU CAN TELL IF A LAMP IS ON EVEN WHEN YOUR EYES ARE CLOSED.
I THINK I'M GETTING CLOSE, BUT IT'S DEEPER. THAT WAY, I THINK.


I SHOULD BE GOING. AND YOU SHOULD HURRY HOME.
WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT?
YEAH, I DON'T THINK SPIZ IS GOING TO BOTHER ME FOR QUITE A WHILE.
THANKS FOR SAVING ME.


I HOPE YOU FIND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!
SO DO I.

KEEP RUNNING!
IT COULD STILL BE BACK THERE!
T'S..
...IT'S HIM.
YOU DON'T WANT TO BE HERE.


AAAAH!
THE GREAT JANGO FETT-- REDUCED TO SCARING A BUNCH OF TEENAGE HOOLIGANS.

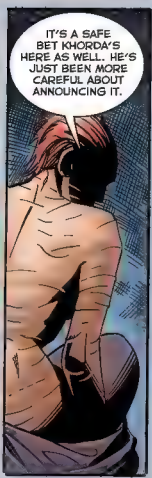
SUCH A SHAME TO SEE A BOUNTY HUNTER WHO'S LOST HIS EDGE.

WHAT DID YOU LEARN?
I LEARNED THE FOOD AT THE *TWIRLING TWI'LEK* STINKS.
I *ALSO* LEARNED NOBODY'S TALKING VERY MUCH...

...NOT EVEN TO A *DUG* NAMED *FERNOODA* WHO'S KNOWN TO HAVE CLOSE TIES TO GENERAL KHORDA.

BUT TONGUES TEND TO LOOSEN AFTER YOU BUY ENOUGH *DRINKS*.

KHORDA HIMSELF HASN'T BEEN SEEN, BUT A HALF-DOZEN OF HIS ASSOCIATES ARE *DEFINITELY* HERE.


IT'S A SAFE BET KHORDA'S HERE AS WELL. HE'S JUST BEEN MORE CAREFUL ABOUT ANNOUNCING IT.

YOU KNOW, A *GENTLEMAN* WOULD TURN HIS BACK WHILE A LADY CHANGES.

THAT'S NOT THE SORT OF *CHANGING* MOST PEOPLE HAVE IN MIND.

AND YOU'RE NO *LADY*.

SOMETIMES I AM.

I'M A *CLAWDITE*, JANGO. IT'S WHAT WE DO.

ANYWAY, IF KHORDA'S ONLY GATHERING A SMALL FORCE HERE, THIS IS A STEALTH ACTION-- NOT A MILITARY ONE.

THEY'RE NOT LOOKING FOR A FIREFIGHT, SO THEY'LL WANT TO STAY OUT OF PUBLIC AREAS.

YOU KNOW CORUSCANT WELL ENOUGH, JANGO. IF YOU HAD TO PLACE AN EXPLOSIVE WHERE IT WOULD CAUSE THE MOST DAMAGE...

...WHERE WOULD YOU *PUT* IT?

THE POWER RELAYS AT THE PLANET CORE.

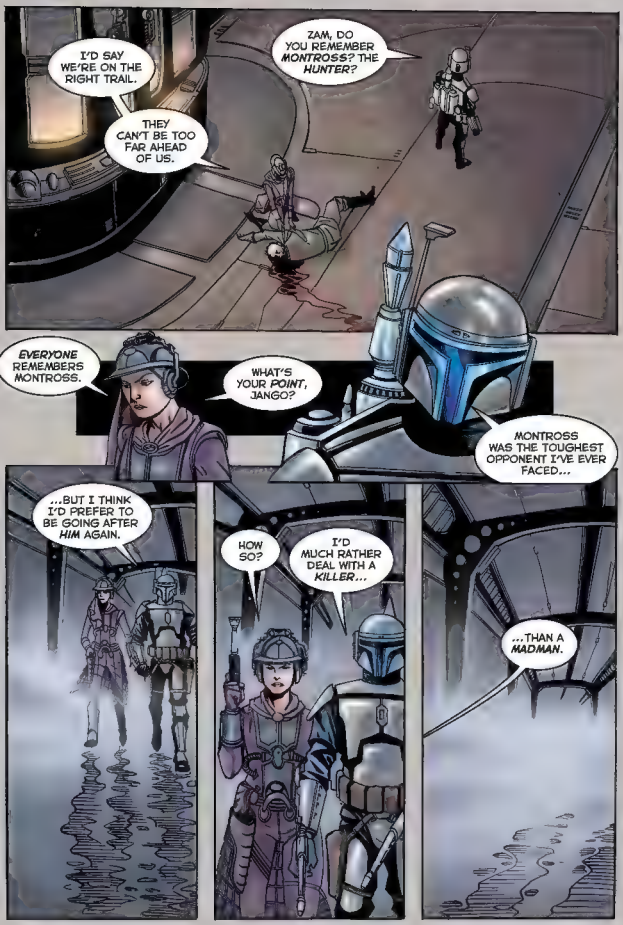
SET OFF A CHAIN REACTION.

ALL RIGHT, SO MAYBE YOU *HAVEN'T* LOST YOUR EDGE.
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT *I'D* DO.
AND IT'S EXACTLY WHAT KHORDA'S GOING TO DO.
THANKS.
WE JUST NEED TO FIGURE OUT *WHICH* CORE RELAY KHORDA'S HEADED FOR... AND *STOP* HIM.
FOR WHICH WE GET PAID THE HANDSOME FEE OF *NOTHING*.
THINK OF IT AS YOUR *PUBLIC SERVICE*, JANGO.
AFTER YOU.

THAT'S THE LAST GUARD STATION BEFORE THE RELAY...
WE'RE NOT THE *ONLY* ONES DYING FOR THE CAUSE.
...NOT THAT *ANY* GUARDS PRESENTED MUCH OF A PROBLEM.
VERY SOON, EVERY *LIVING* THING ON CORUSCANT'S GOING TO DIE FOR THE CAUSE.

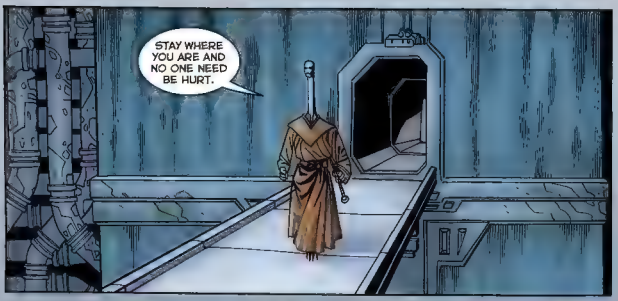
GENERAL, HOW DO YOU INTEND TO TRIGGER THE IDOL?
I HEARD OF THE IDOL FROM A PRISONER I WAS... INTERROGATING. HE'D HEARD THE TALE FROM ANOTHER, WHO'D HEARD IT FROM ANOTHER.
NONE OF THEM BELIEVED IT WAS ANYTHING MORE THAN A LEGEND.
BUT I DISCOVERED THE IDOL WAS REAL. THE NATIVE SPECIES OF THE PLANET SEYLOTT CREATED IT. THEY'RE FORCE-SENSITIVES. THEY CALLED THE IDOL THE INFANT OF SHAA, AFTER THEIR DEITY.
WHETHER IT WAS INTENTIONAL OR NOT, THE IDOL IS A RECEPTACLE FOR THE FORCE.
ENOUGH RAW POWER WILL SHATTER IT--
--AND THE RELEASE OF ITS ENERGY WILL BE LIKE NOTHING THE GALAXY HAS EVER SEEN.
CORUSCANT'S DESTRUCTION WILL BE A BEACON VISIBLE FROM THE CORE WORLDS TO THE OUTER RIM.
WE SHOULD HAVE THE ACCESS BRIDGE ROTATED INTO PLACE IN A MOMENT, GENERAL.
THERE.
VREEP
ALL OF YOU, DRINK IN THIS MOMENT.
WE HAVE REACHED OUR JOURNEY'S END. THIS IS THE PRELUDE TO OUR GLORY.

WE STAND BEFORE THE BEATING HEART OF CORUSCANT, AND SOON WE WILL *STILL IT* FOREVER.


I'D SAY WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRAIL.
THEY CAN'T BE TOO FAR AHEAD OF US.
ZAM, DO YOU REMEMBER MONTROSS? THE HUNTER?
EVERYONE REMEMBERS MONTROSS.
WHAT'S YOUR POINT, JANGO?
MONTROSS WAS THE TOUGHEST OPPONENT I'VE EVER FACED...
...BUT I THINK I'D PREFER TO BE GOING AFTER HIM AGAIN.
HOW SO?
I'D MUCH RATHER DEAL WITH A KILLER...
...THAN A MADMAN.

I HAVE THEM.

OUR TIME HAS *COME*.
HERE, DEEP IN THE BOWELS OF CORUSCANT, IS THE *ALTAR* UPON WHICH WE WILL SACRIFICE OURSELVES.
YOU HAVE ALL FOLLOWED ME THIS FAR. NOW, TOGETHER, WE ARE ABOUT TO GO ON TO OUR GREAT REWARD.
WE *FEW*, ARMED WITH SOMETHING SO *SMALL*, WILL SUCCEED WHERE NO OTHER-- NO POLITICAL FORCE, NO *ARMY*, NO ARMADA OF WARSHIPS-- HAS BEEN ABLE.
WE WILL *SLAY* THE REPUBLIC!
GENERAL...
...WE'RE NOT *ALONE*.


STAY WHERE YOU ARE AND NO ONE NEED BE HURT.

WHO'S THAT?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?
EVERYBODY STAY WHERE YOU ARE!

KILL THEM.
KILL THEM ALL!

HE WANTS TO *DIE* A LITTLE SOONER THAN EVERYONE ELSE ON THIS PLANET...
...FINE BY ME.
THEN YOU HAVE CHOSEN YOUR OWN FATES.
LOOK!
HE IS *JEDI!*
WHAT HE IS, IS *DEAD.*

WHAT'S A JEDI DOING HERE?
WHO CARES?
IF HE'S TAKING SOME OF THE ATTENTION AWAY FROM US...
...SO MUCH THE BETTER.
GHHG!
SZZAK

THOSE ARE THE *BOUNTY HUNTERS* WE HIRED TO RETRIEVE THE IDOL! WHAT ARE THEY *DOING* HERE?!
AND HOW DID THE *JEDI* DISCOVER US?!
NO MATTER...
...THEY CAN'T STOP WHAT'S COMING.
KRRZZZCH
VREEOW
VREEOW
GAAH!

WHMF!
VREEOW
TOO LATE, NOW.
FAR TOO LATE.
ANXIOUS TO DIE?
LET ME HELP.
WOKK
JANGO!

AAGH!
NNH!
HRRR
...mmmm...
!
ZZZRK
ZAM?
ARE YOU--
JUST MY SHOULDER, AND IT WENT THROUGH CLEAN.
ONCE I GET THIS RUG OFF OF ME I'LL BE FINE.
THE IDOL...

VREEOW
ZZAP
GENERAL, HE'S COMING FOR US!
I TOLD YOU I'D KILL YOU IF I EVER SAW YOU AGAIN, FERNOODA.
BEE-YOW
I KEEP MY PROMISES.
GHH

YOU'RE TOO LATE, JEDI!
TIME IS UP! YOUR TIME, THE REPUBLIC'S TIME!
IT'S ALL COMING TO AN END!
I CAN'T ALLOW THAT.
you can kill me...
...but not my cause...
COME.
GHHRRK
JEDI!!

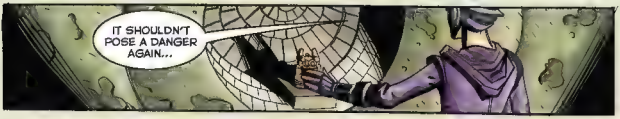
UT
THOK

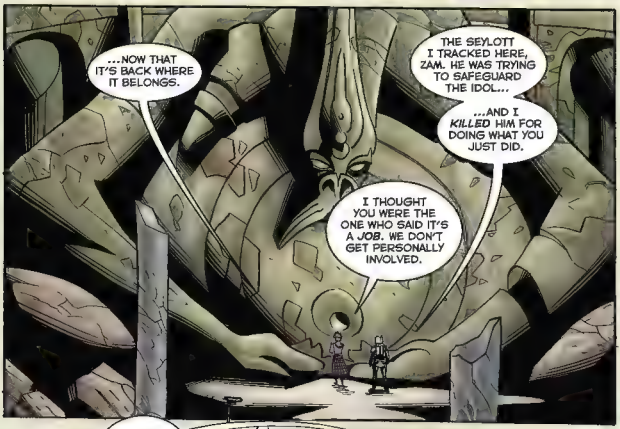
GHAAAH!
NNNNHH!
NO...
...ALL WILL BE LOST...
...IF IT FALLS...

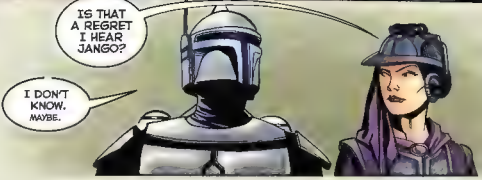
NNIFE
NOTHING'S GOING TO BE LOST.
ZAM!
ZAM?
YOU KNOW, JANGO, YOU'RE ALWAYS COMPLAINING ABOUT MY SHAPE-CHANGING.
ANY COMPLAINTS NOW?
OF COURSE, IT'S STILL GOING TO EXPLODE.
THERE IS YET HOPE...

...IF YOU BRING THE IDOL TO ME.
DO WE TRUST A JEDI?
IF WE HAVE ANOTHER OPTION I HAVEN'T HEARD IT.
WHAT CAN YOU DO? ESPECIALLY IN *YOUR* STATE?
I AM YARAEL POOF... OF THE JEDI COUNCIL.
I AM ADEPT IN THE WAYS OF THE FORCE, AND THE IDOL...
...THE IDOL IS A VESSEL FOR THE FORCE.
MEANING WHAT? ARE YOU SAYING YOU CAN DEFUSE IT?
IT IS POSSIBLE TO USE THE FORCE TO...
...BIND TOGETHER...
...THE IDOL'S ENERGIES ONCE AGAIN...
...IT'S POSSIBLE...

HE SAVED CORUSCANT.
AT THE PRICE OF HIS OWN LIFE.


IT SHOULDN'T POSE A DANGER AGAIN...


...NOW THAT IT'S BACK WHERE IT BELONGS.
THE SEYLOTT I TRACKED HERE, ZAM. HE WAS TRYING TO SAFEGUARD THE IDOL...
...AND I *KILLED* HIM FOR DOING WHAT YOU JUST DID.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID IT'S A *JOB*. WE DON'T GET PERSONALLY INVOLVED.


IS THAT A REGRET I HEAR JANGO?
I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE.

...WE HAVE COMPANY.
EASY... IF THEY WERE GOING TO ATTACK US, THEY'D HAVE DONE IT ALREADY.
YOU DIDN'T KILL ONE OF THEM.
I THINK WE'RE GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT.
THAT WOULD BE A FIRST.

STILL CONFIDENT?

You have brought back that which is ours
The infant has returned to the mother's womb. Where it will remain. Where it will be safe.
We thank you

WE ONLY DID WHAT WAS RIGHT. THE INFANT NEVER SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY.
WE'RE SORRY FOR ANY GRIEF YOU HAVE SUFFERED.

We are not unaccustomed to grief. We are a dying people
Soon we will be gone

...but now our secrets can die with us

Go in peace...
...but do not return

"SO TELL ME, JANGO..."
...HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE DONE SOMETHING FOR THE RIGHT REASON, RATHER THAN JUST THE PROFITABLE ONE.
LIKE I'D BETTER GO FIND SOME PAYING WORK.
PLEASE. THERE'S A PART OF YOU THAT'S NOT HALF SO COLD AS YOU'D HAVE PEOPLE BELIEVE.
I KNOW THERE'S A MAN UNDER THE MASK.
BUT, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO WALK AWAY FROM THIS EMPTY-HANDED...
THERE.

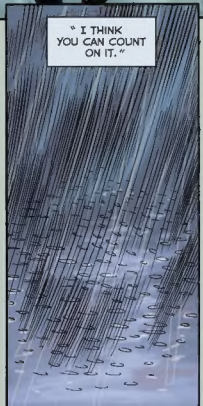
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, JANGO...
...UNTIL NEXT TIME.
ZAM...

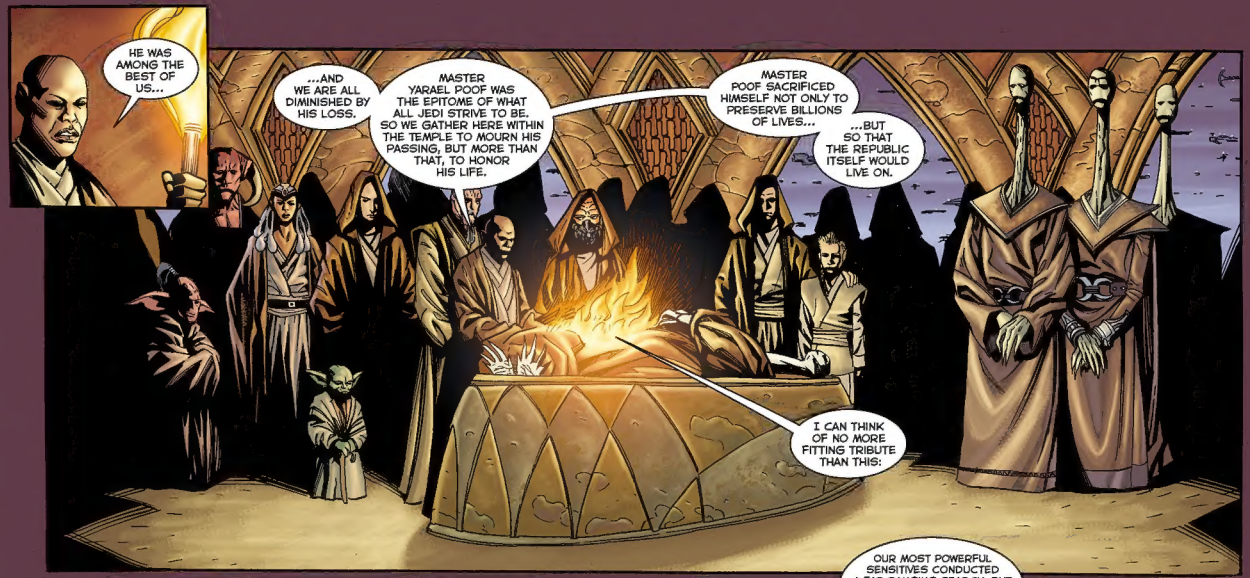
DADDY!
YOU'RE HOME!

AND VERY GLAD TO BE HERE.
MISS ME?
ALWAYS!

"I THOUGHT I SAW YOU WITH THAT LADY AGAIN. IS SHE A FRIEND OF YOURS?"
"TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, BOBA...

"...I'M STILL NOT SURE."
"WILL YOU EVER SEE HER AGAIN?"

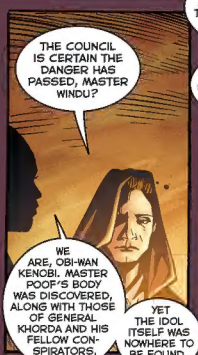

" I THINK YOU CAN COUNT ON IT. "


HE WAS AMONG THE BEST OF US...
...AND WE ARE ALL DIMINISHED BY HIS LOSS.
MASTER YARAEL POOF WAS THE EPITOME OF WHAT ALL JEDI STRIVE TO BE. SO WE GATHER HERE WITHIN THE TEMPLE TO MOURN HIS PASSING, BUT MORE THAN THAT, TO HONOR HIS LIFE.
MASTER POOF SACRIFICED HIMSELF NOT ONLY TO PRESERVE BILLIONS OF LIVES...
...BUT SO THAT THE REPUBLIC ITSELF WOULD LIVE ON.
I CAN THINK OF NO MORE FITTING TRIBUTE THAN THIS:

HE GLADLY GAVE HIS LIFE FOR A CAUSE HE BELIEVED IN.

I'VE SEEN TOO MANY OF THESE, MASTER.
IS THIS WHAT AWAITS ME?

THE PYRE IS THE END FOR WHICH ALL TRUE JEDI ARE DESTINED, ANAKIN SKYWALKER.
YES, THE DEATH OF ANY OF US IS A SAD THING. BUT MASTER POOF IS ONE WITH THE FORCE NOW.
I UNDER-STAND, MASTER WINDU.


THE COUNCIL IS CERTAIN THE DANGER HAS PASSED, MASTER WINDU?
WE ARE, OBI-WAN KENOBI. MASTER POOF'S BODY WAS DISCOVERED, ALONG WITH THOSE OF GENERAL KHORDA AND HIS FELLOW CON-SPIRATORS.
YET THE IDOL ITSELF WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.

OUR MOST POWERFUL SENSITIVES CONDUCTED A FAR-RANGING SEARCH, BUT THERE WAS NO TRACE OF EVEN THE RIPPLES IN THE FORCE CAUSED BY THE IDOL.
CURIOUSLY, KHORDA AND SOME OF HIS MEN HAD SUFFERED BLASTER WOUNDS. NOT MASTER POOF'S WORK, CERTAINLY.
IT SEEMS APPARENT MASTER POOF TRULY DID SAVE ALL OF CORUSCANT BY PREVENTING THE IDOL'S DETONATION...

BUT SOMEONE ELSE OBVIOUSLY CARRIED IT AWAY TO A PLACE WHERE IT POSES NO THREAT.
WE HAVE NO IDEA OF WHO THAT MIGHT BE...

"...BUT HEROES DO SOMETIMES COME IN THE MOST UNEXPECTED OF GUISES."
END.